

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace page 34, lines 11-17 as follows:

The wheat germ extracts obtained by the method of Example 1, was frozen with a liquid ~~nitrogen~~ nitrogen and then water was removed therefrom in an ordinary freeze-drying apparatus (Labconc Freeze Dry System Freezone 4.5), which was operated for 3 hours. The powdery specimen thus prepared was stored in tubes by two ~~method~~ methods, i.e., sealed in vacuum and under nitrogen gas atmosphere, respectively.